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Public announcement

**The Seventh Sarajevo UN World Interfaith Harmony Week**

**Public discussion**

***An anthropological perspective on Bosnia***

***Safet HadžiMuhamedović’s new book***

**Waiting for Elijah: Time and Encounter in a Bosnian Landscape**

**February *5th*  (Tuesday) 2019, at 18:00 hours**

It is our honour to inform you that International Forum Bosna will be hosting a public discussion on *An anthropological perspective on Bosnia* – *Safet HadžiMuhamedović’s new book* Waiting for Elijah: Time and Encounter in a Bosnian Landscape(New York: Berghahn, 2018). The discussion will take place in the IFB meeting hall (ul. Sime Milutinovića 10/III) at 18:00 hours on February 5th  (Tuesday) 2019.

Safet HadžiMuhamedović's book *Waiting for Elijah: Time and Encounter in a Bosnian Landscape* opens up a number of new ways of approaching the plurality inherent to Bosnian society, a plurality that has long been subject to politically motivated and violent deconstruction. Key to this deconstruction is the stereotypical and ideological denial of any overarching Bosnian framework. Applying current anthropological approaches to the study of Bosnia's social pluralism, Safet HadžiMuhamedović demonstrates clearly the subtle, but undeniable presence in interlocking levels of personal and collective identity of recognisably Bosnian patterns of social and cultural complementarity and cohesion. This forms a Bosnian whole that embraces all its parts. In this way, his study makes visible aspects of Bosnian social and cultural interaction that often remain implicit and are therefore often ignored and denied by superficial or ideological motivated observers.

Safet HadžiMuhamedović's book draws on his fieldwork in Gacko.

Discussing the book will be Nirha Efendić, Curator at the National Museum in Sarajevo, Desmond Maurer, chair of the IFB Centre for historical studies, and Vahid Tanović, chair of the IFB Centre for technology and economic development.

Nerin Dizdar, a leading Bosnian social and political analyst and commentator, will chair the discussion.

The discussion is part of the programme of the Seventh Sarajevo UN World Interfaith Harmony Week, being organised by International Forum Bosnia in response to the UN General Assembly's initiative of October 20th, 2010.

This event is open to all members and friends of International Forum Bosnia and the media.

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